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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 April 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to Applicant's amendment filed on 04/10/2007. Claims 8 are still pending in the present application. This action is made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

3. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramesh et al. (US Pat 6212368), herein after "Ramesh," in view of Steudle (US 7133382 B2), hereafter "Steudle," further in view of Scherzer et al. (US Pat 6799026), herein after "Scherzer."

Consider claim 1 as amended, Ramesh discloses a wireless terminal device, comprising a plurality of antennas (see Ramesh: col. 4 lines 42-45 and 59-61, col. 5 lines 7-15 and 38-44, col. 8 lines 24-30, figs. 1, 2, and 6). Ramesh discloses a radio section for receiving radio waves from a base station via one of the antennas (see

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Ramesh: col. 5 lines 38-44, col. 6 lines 50-63, fig. 4, col. 8 lines 46-48). Ramesh discloses a reception level measuring section for measuring a reception level of the antennas including a antenna that is currently receiving and/or transmitting radio waves **(see Ramesh: col. 8 lines 30-40 and 51-67, col. 9 lines 1-9, figs. 6 and 7).** Ramesh discloses wherein the reception level measuring section measures at least one of the antennas reception level except the receiving and/or transmitting antenna in the period of time, switching antenna when the reception level of the receiving and/or transmitting antenna is equal to or less than the reception level in the period of time **(see Ramesh: col. 8 lines 45-61, fig. 7)**

Ramesh discloses wherein a **strategic timing is used to minimize the impact of measurements on the proper operation of the communications (see Ramesh: col. 4 lines 10-19, col. 7 lines 5-17)**, but does not particularly refer to temporarily interrupting transmission and reception for a period of time without disconnection in data communication on for a period of time without disconnection in data communication. Steudle discloses temporarily interrupting transmission and reception for a period of time without disconnection in data communication **(see Steudle: col. 1 lines 58-66, col. 3 lines 20-32).**

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Ramesh and have it include temporarily interrupting transmission and reception for a period of time without disconnection in data communication, as taught by Steudle, thereby defining measurement gaps generated

for making said measurements in a CDMA sytem, as discussed by Steudle (**see col. 1 lines 7-12**).

Ramesh, as modified by Steudle discloses performing antenna measuring and switching in interrupted periods of transmission/reception without interrupting data communication, but does not particularly refer to a controller, an element to which the functions described above inherently correspond to perform. Scherzer discloses a controller for controlling the switch between two antennae (**see Scherzer: Abstract, col. 4 lines 17-32, fig. 5 element 52**).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Ramesh as modified by Steudle and have a controller included in the description, as taught by Scherzer, thereby implementing a diversity reception of downlink signals.

Consider claim 2, Ramesh, as modified by Steudle and Scherzer, teaches claim 1 above, and further discloses wherein the reception level measuring section receives data in a certain channel from the base station (see Ramesh: col. 8 lines 30-45).

Consider claim 4, Ramesh, as modified by Steudle and Scherzer, teaches claim 1 above, and Scherzer further discloses measuring received signal strength from the base station (see Scherzer: col. 1 lines 60-62).

Consider claim 6, Ramesh, as modified by Steudle and Scherzer, teaches claim 1 above, and further discloses wherein the time period in which transmission and reception is temporarily interrupted is generated when performing communication by a

communication method that requires continuous transmission and reception during communication (see Ramesh: col. 7 lines 5-55).

Consider claim 7, Ramesh, as modified by Steudle and Scherzer, teaches claim 1 above, and Steudle further discloses compressed mode in a W-CDMA system. (see Steudle: col. 1 lines 58-66, col. 3 lines 20-32)

Consider claim 8, Ramesh, as modified by Steudle and Scherzer, teaches claim 7 above, and further discloses spreading and despreading (see Ramesh: col. 6 lines 38-47).

4. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramesh et al. (US Pat 6212368), herein after "Ramesh," in view of Steudle (US 7133382 B2), hereafter "Steudle," further in view of Scherzer et al. (US Pat 6799026), herein after "Scherzer," as applied to claim 2 above, further in view of Toskala et al. (US Pat 7079507), herein after "Toskala".

Consider claim 3, Ramesh, as modified by Steudle and Scherzer, teaches claim 2 above, but does not particularly refer to signal measurement from a broadcast channel. Toskala discloses signal measurements from a broadcast channel (see Toskala: col. 5 lines 66-67 and col. 6 lines 1-2). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Ramesh as modified by Steudle and Scherzer and have broadcast channel signal measurements included, as taught by Toskala, thereby monitoring signal power levels

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from the base station in order to appropriately control the switching between the antennae according to the strongest received signal.

5. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramesh et al. (US Pat 6212368), herein after "Ramesh," in view of Steudle (US 7133382 B2), hereafter "Steudle," further in view of Scherzer et al. (US Pat 6799026), herein after "Scherzer;" as applied to claim 1 above, further in view of f Harano (US Pat 6771944), hereafter "Harano."

Consider claim 5, Ramesh, as modified by Steudle and Scherzer, teaches claim 1 above, but does not particularly refer to inner or extensible antenna. Harano discloses a wireless device with inner antenna and extensible antenna (wipe antenna reads on extensible antenna –see Harano: col. 1 lines 23-27, fig. 1). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Ramesh as modified by Steudle and Scherzer and have an inner and a whip antenna included, as taught by Harano, thereby implementing a diversity receiving wireless terminal which includes a plurality or antennae.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to **claims** 1-8 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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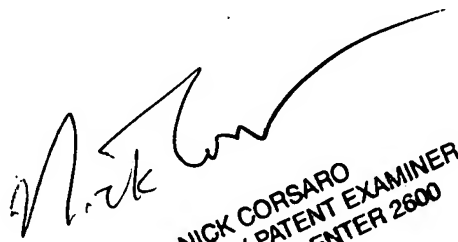
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